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**MISSION:** Ending hunger in southwestern Wisconsin.

Postal Regulatory Commission  
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**RE: Docket RM2017-3**

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin, I urge you to reconsider the proposed changes under Docket RM2017-3.

The mission of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin is to end hunger in the 16 counties we serve in southwestern Wisconsin. Currently more than 21 million meals are estimated to go missing each year in our service area alone. If the proposed rate increases are implemented, our ability to meet the needs of those facing hunger in southwestern Wisconsin would be significantly impacted.

Additionally, in our opinion the consequences of these burdensome rate increases will likely include a reduction in overall revenue to the USPS due to nonprofits like Second Harvest shifting away from postal mail as a primary revenue source.

Finally, I feel it is important to put some perspective around exactly what the proposed rate increases will mean to those struggling with hunger in southwestern Wisconsin. We estimate that the rate increases will cost us an additional \$30,000 and \$41,000 each year. Because we can provide up to three meals for every \$1 raised, these rate increases will mean 90,000 – 123,000 fewer meals will make it on the tables of the most vulnerable in our community...each year.

On behalf of the thousands of people served by Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin, I urge you to reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely,

Michelle Orge  
President/CEO



Fighting hunger in these counties: Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Vernon